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SUBJECT: V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS: HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN
PARTICIPATION

1. PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE)
TOLD US APRIL 28 THAT QUAI HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM
HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS TO STAGE CEREMONY (LAY
WREATH OR FLOWERS) AT MEMORIAL IN PARIS SUBURB TO WORLD
WAR II RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. FRENCH TENDENCY IS TO
REFUSE REQUESTS, SINCE BOTH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA WERE
ALLIES OF GERMANY IN WORLD WAR II AND WERE PART OF
THE "ENEMY" AGAINST WHICH THE RESISTANCE EFFORT WAS
DIRECTED. THE FRENCH, HOWEVER, WANT TO KEEP IN STEP
WITH US (AND PRESUMABLY WITH THE UK) ON THIS TYPE OF
ISSUE. THEREFORE, PLAISANT ASKED US TO DETERMINE WHETHER
THE HUNGARIANS OR BULGARIANS HAVE APPROACHED USG FOR
SIMILAR CEREMONY IN U.S. PLAISANT NOTED THAT, WHILE
U.S. UNLIKELY TO HAVE "RESISTANCE" MEMORIAL HANDY,
IMAGINATION OF EASTERN EUROPEANS SUFFICIENT TO DISCOVER
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ANOTHER TYPE OF SITE IN U.S. FOR CEREMONY. PLAISANT

SAID THAT SHOULD U.S. HAVE ACCORDED (OR WOULD BE PRE-PARED TO ACCORD) PERMISSION FOR SUCH CEREMONY BY AXIS POWERS, GOF WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER ITS CURRENT TENDENCY TOWARD REFUSAL. WE UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE RESPONSE FOR PLAISANT ON URGENT BASIS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR OUR RESPONSE TO PLAISANT'S QUERY.

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